

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3295, Election Reform.

The House passed H.R. 3762, Pension Security Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2507–S2603

Measures Introduced: Thirty-one bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2089–2119, and S. Res. 236–238. **Pages S2577–78**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. Con. Res. 100, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2003 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for each of the fiscal years 2004 through 2012. (S. Rept. No. 107–141)

S. 924, to provide reliable officers, technology, education, community prosecutors, and training in our neighborhoods, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2577**

Measures Passed:

Election Reform: By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 65), Senate passed S. 565, to require States and localities to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements applicable to Federal elections, to establish grant programs to provide assistance to States and localities to meet those requirements and to improve election technology and the administration of Federal elections, and to establish the Election Administration Commission, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2516–56**

Adopted:

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 63), Roberts/McConnell Amendment No. 2907, to eliminate the administrative procedures of requiring election officials to notify voters by mail whether or not their individual vote was counted. **Pages S2516, S2542–43**

Dodd/McConnell Amendment No. 3117, to amend the title of the bill. **Page S2543**

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 64), Clinton Amendment No. 3108, to establish a residual ballot performance benchmark. **Pages S2516, S2543**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

McConnell (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3107, to establish the Advisory Committee on Electronic Voting and the Electoral Process, and to instruct the Attorney General to study the adequacy of existing electoral fraud statutes and penalties, adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, April 10, 2002, was modified to reflect a technical correction. **Page S2516**

Subsequently, passage of S. 565 was vitiated, and the bill was then returned to the Senate Calendar. **Page S2599**

Election Reform: By unanimous consent, Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3295, to require States and localities to meet uniform and non-discriminatory election technology and administration requirements applicable to Federal elections, to establish grant programs to provide assistance to States and localities to meet those requirements and to improve election technology and the administration of Federal elections, and to establish the Election Administration Commission, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 565, Senate companion measure, as amended, and after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2543, S2544**

Dodd/McConnell Amendment No. 3118, to amend the title of the bill. **Page S2543**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S2543**

Commending University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs: Senate agreed to S. Res. 236, commending

the University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs for winning the 2002 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Ice Hockey National Championship. **Page S2600**

Commending University of Minnesota Golden Gophers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 237, commending the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers for winning the 2002 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Hockey National Championship. **Page S2600**

Commending University of Minnesota Golden Gophers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 238, commending the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers for winning the 2002 NCAA Division I Wrestling National Championship. **Pages S2600-01**

Energy Policy Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 517, to authorize funding for the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S2507-16, S2556-71

Adopted:

By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 66), Durbin Modified Amendment No. 3094 (to Amendment No. 2917), to establish a Consumer Energy Commission to assess and provide recommendations regarding energy price spikes from the perspective of consumers. **Pages S2563-65**

Bingaman (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 3119 (to Amendment No. 2917), to ensure the safety of the nation's mines and mine workers. **Pages S2567-69**

Bingaman (for Levin) Amendment No. 3120 (to Amendment No. 2917), to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study on the effect of natural gas pipelines and other energy transmission infrastructure across the Great Lakes on the Great Lakes ecosystem. **Pages S2567-69**

Bingaman (for Schumer) Amendment No. 3121 (to Amendment No. 2917), to promote the demonstration of certain high temperature superconducting technologies. **Pages S2567-69**

Bingaman (for Smith of OR) Amendment No. 3122 (to Amendment No. 2917), to authorize a study of the way in which energy efficiency standards are determined. **Pages S2567-69**

Bingaman (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3123 (to Amendment No. 2917), to encourage energy conservation through bicycling. **Pages S2567-69**

Rejected:

Feinstein Amendment No. 3114 (to Amendment No. 2917), to reduce the period of time in which the Administrator may act on a petition by 1 or more States to waive the renewable fuel content re-

quirement. (By 61 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 67), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Pending:

Daschle/Bingaman Further Modified Amendment No. 2917, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2508-16**

Kerry/McCain Amendment No. 2999 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for increased average fuel economy standards for passenger automobiles and light trucks. **Page S2508**

Dayton/Grassley Amendment No. 3008 (to Amendment No. 2917), to require that Federal agencies use ethanol-blended gasoline and biodiesel-blended diesel fuel in areas in which ethanol-blended gasoline and biodiesel-blended diesel fuel are available. **Page S2508**

Lott Amendment No. 3028 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for the fair treatment of Presidential judicial nominees. **Page S2508**

Landrieu/Kyl Amendment No. 3050 (to Amendment No. 2917), to increase the transfer capability of electric energy transmission systems through participant-funded investment. **Page S2508**

Graham Amendment No. 3070 (to Amendment No. 2917), to clarify the provisions relating to the Renewable Portfolio Standard. **Page S2508**

Schumer/Clinton Amendment No. 3093 (to Amendment No. 2917), to prohibit oil and gas drilling activity in Finger Lakes National Forest, New York. **Page S2508**

Dayton Amendment No. 3097 (to Amendment No. 2917), to require additional findings for FERC approval of an electric utility merger. **Page S2508**

Schumer Amendment No. 3030 (to Amendment No. 2917), to strike the section establishing a renewable fuel content requirement for motor vehicle fuel. **Pages S2511-15**

Feinstein/Boxer Amendment No. 3115 (to Amendment No. 2917), to modify the provision relating to the renewable content of motor vehicle fuel to eliminate the required volume of renewable fuel for calendar year 2004. **Pages S2515-16**

U.S. Border Security/Energy Policy Act Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3525, to enhance the border security of the United States, and the Senate begin consideration of the bill at 11:30 a.m., on Friday, April 12, 2002. Further, that upon the resumption of the S. 517, Energy Policy Act, Senator Murkowski be recognized to offer an amendment with respect to ANWR. **Page S2564**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Robert Watson Cobb, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration. **Pages S2599, S2603**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Tony Hammond, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 14, 2004.

Steven M. Biskupic, of Wisconsin, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin for the term of four years.

Jan Paul Miller, of Illinois, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois for the term of four years.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Marine Corps. **Page S2603**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S2574–75**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S2595–98**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Pages S2598–99**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—67) **Pages S2543, S2544, S2565, S2566**

Adjournment: Senate met at 10:01 a.m., and adjourned at 6:32 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Friday, April 12, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2601).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded hearings to examine homeland security funding issues, focusing on federal funding support of state and local government security efforts, including first responders and bioterrorism, infrastructure security, port security, water infrastructure, and nuclear facility security, receiving testimony from former Senator Rudman, on behalf of the U.S. Commission on National Security/21st Century; Maj. Gen. Richard C. Alexander, ANGUS (Ret.), National Guard Association of the United States; Adm. Richard M. Larrabee, USCG (Ret.), Port Authority of New York

and New Jersey, Thomas Von Essen, on behalf of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, and Stephen E. Flynn, Council on Foreign Relations, all of New York, New York; Michael J. Crouse, International Association of Fire Fighters, Washington, D.C.; Philip C. Stittleburg, LaFarge Volunteer Fire Department, LaFarge, Wisconsin, on behalf of the National Volunteer Fire Council; Lonnie J. Westphal, Colorado State Patrol, Denver, on behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police; Gary Cox, Tulsa City-County Health Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials; Michael Errico, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Laurel, Maryland, on behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies; David Lochbaum, Union of Concerned Scientists, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Jeff Benjamin, Exelon Generation Company, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the Nuclear Energy Institute.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on military personnel benefits, after receiving testimony from Charles S. Abell, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy; Derek B. Stewart, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, General Accounting Office; Master Chief Joseph L. Barnes, USN (Ret.), Fleet Reserve Association, Joyce W. Raezer, National Military Family Association, Inc., and Master Sgt. Michael P. Cline, USA (Ret.), Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, all of Alexandria, Virginia; and Susan M. Schwartz, Retired Officers Association, and CMSGT James E. Lokovic, USAF (Ret.), Air Force Sergeants Association, both of Washington, D.C.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic concluded open and closed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance programs of the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from John P. Stenbit, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence; and Lt. Gen. Gregory S. Newbold, USMC, Director of Operations, J3, and Rear Adm. Stanley R. Szemborski, USN, Deputy Director for Resources and Requirements, J8, both of the Joint Staff.